communal violence. It is not correct that the Commission is of the view that it is the minorities which have mostly suffered in the communal riots that took place so far in the country.

**Reservation to Backward Classes amongst minorities**

†1112. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute a National Commission for providing reservation in Government jobs, educational institutions etc. to the backward classes amongst the minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Commission is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A National Commission to recommend measures for welfare of socially and economically backward section among Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) including reservation in education and Government employment has been set up *vide* Resolution No. 1-11/2004-MC(D) dated 29.10.2004 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-I Section-I.

**Job reservation in private sector**

1113. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of bringing in a legislation for reservation of jobs in the private sector has been rejected by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have made their position clear to all the allies, particularly the left parties; and

(c) what is Government's latest stand on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, the

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